

Appl. No. : 10/531,435
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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement electronically delivered on August 8, 2007, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed with examination on the merits of Group III (Claims 19-43 and 45-51), drawn to a composition comprising a phosphoprotein preparation obtained by partially cross linking a hydrolysate of casein. Claims 1-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 44 has been withdrawn pursuant to the Restriction Requirement. Applicants note that withdrawn process claims that depend from an allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims of the non-elected Groups in divisional applications pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Applicants submit that the present Application is in condition for examination on the merits and respectfully request the same. If any issues remain with respect to the restriction requirement, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below in order to resolve such issues promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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